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cc:  
Subject: RE: Status of DCMetals

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Thank you for your responses. That is very helpful.

-----Original Message-----

From: Davila.Brunilda@epamail.epa.gov  
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Subject: RE: Status of DCMetals

Nancy,  
This e-mail is in response to the following questions you had regarding DC Metals.

"I was talking to some West Oakland folks who are interested in training local people to participate in the clean-up in the long-term, whoever has that responsibility. If it becomes a Superfund site, how do you choose your contractor? Is there an opportunity to ask for local participation in the contract?"

Cleanups of Superfund sites are conducted through the EPA Region 9 Remedial Contract. We award this contract through a competitive process. Though it would be a great opportunity to involve community members in the cleanup process of Superfund sites, the Federal Government cannot direct contractors to hire particular individuals as part of the project. We request certain technical expertise to address all the variety of issues involved in the cleanup process, but we do not have any authority in the selection process of subcontractors.

We do not have a training program to have local people participating in Superfund site cleanups. I know that the Brownfields program has this option. I will do my best to see how feasible this would be for DC Metals. However, from experience with other Superfund sites, I think the possibility is small.

"Secondly, while I am pleased that you are working on the site and moving it through the hoops for CERCLA money, I want to have a good understanding of your relationship with the state for this site. In the past the community seemed to have more confidence in the federal EPA than the state EPA. I don't know if that has changed since we now have a different party reps at the heads of those governments but I want to be sure that we seek funding from all potential sources."

If DC Metals gets placed on the NPL, the State is required to contribute 10% of the cost of the selected remedy, and then responsible for operation and maintenance of the remedy after ten years, for the rest of the life of the remedy. It is our understanding that the community has had more confidence in the communication process that EPA Region 9 has established. We hope this is still the case, and if you have other information we'd appreciate your sharing that with us.

"Is there a reason that US EPA is pursuing a fed superfund designation rather than the state putting it on their list? What do you suggest in terms of working with the state on this site, if anything?"

Throughout the time in which EPA has been involved in this site, we have had several conversations with the State on possible funding sources. While we cannot talk for the State, it is our understanding that they do not have the funds to start a remedial action on the site. The EPA preliminary assessment suggests that a long term remedial action is required. Therefore, we are evaluating the site for inclusion on the National Priority List (NPL) to get Superfund funding. Please, contact Lynn Nakashima, the DTSC project manager for more information at 510/540-3839.

Once we have a clear idea on which funds we will get through Superfund authority, we will be working with the State, the city of Oakland, the community and other parties in looking at actions for the site.

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09/12/2001  
03:36 PM

HI,

Thanks for the comprehensive update and possible light at the end of the tunnel. I was talking to some West Oakland folks who are interested in training local people to participate in the clean-up in the long-term, whoever has that responsibility. If it becomes a Superfund site, how do you choose your contractor? Is there an opportunity to ask for local participation in the contract?

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I'll look forward to hearing from you. I hope you are well and were not touched with personal losses from yesterday's tragedy. It's hard to think about other things when we are in a state of war but the beat goes on.

Nancy

-----Original Message-----

From: Davila.Brunilda@epamail.epa.gov  
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Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2001 2:36 PM  
To: Nadel, Nancy  
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Hi Nancy,

Hope you are doing well. Here is an update on DC Metals:

Preliminary Assessment Report

1. Last Friday, I approved the final preliminary assessment/site investigation report. Copies are been produced. You should receive a copy of the full report within the next two weeks.

Hazard Ranking Score (HRS) process

1. EPA Region 9 finalized the collection of data and supporting documentation (from sampling, Air Resources Board, CalTrans, and PG&E). The scoring scenario was discussed with EPA Headquarters. They approved it.

2. EPA Region 9 sent all the information to the EPA contractor in HQs. They are preparing the formal HRS package. According to Carolyn Douglas (415/744-2343) in our site assessment group, this process can take up six months. This timeline is out of our control, since EPA HQs has the lead on it.

3. Once the formal package is prepared, a public notice is published in

the Federal Register, announcing the site as a "proposed site" for the National Priority List (NPL). A public comment period starts. HQs prepares response to comments. If comments received do not present a problem for listing the site, then we proceed with a final rule making and the site is officialy listed on the NPL. At that point we will be able to use Superfund money to cleanup the site. As you see, it can take more than a year to get to this point. We really do not know when we will get funds.

Next steps:

1. PA/SI report will be sent to community leaders and interested parties.
2. A fact sheet will be sent to the public, letting them know that the report is out and that we are still in the process of scoring the site.
3. We hope to arrange some meetings before December.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Thank you,  
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